



PATENT
Our Docket: P-LA 1245

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Border and Ruoslahti)
Serial No.: 08/349,479)
Filed: December 2, 1994)
For: INHIBITING TRANSFORMING)
GROWTH FACTOR β TO)
PREVENT ACCUMULATION OF)
EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX)

Examiner: E. Rabin
Group Art Unit: 1644

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February,
25, 1999, please consider the following amendment and
remarks.

In The Claims

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (Four Times Amended) A method of decreasing
the deleterious accumulation of extracellular matrix
associated with a pathology or a condition [characterized by
the] wherein TGF- β -induced production and deleterious
accumulation of extracellular matrix in a tissue exists
comprising:

contacting the tissue with an anti-TGF- β antibody
that binds to TGF- β ;